## IN THE CLAIMS

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- 1. A thermoplastic resin composition for laser welding comprising:
  - 1) thermoplastic resin; and
  - 2) laser-transmitting black colorant comprising amine salts of anthraquinone dye and monoazo complex dye.
- 2. A themoplastic resin composition for laser welding comprising:
  - 1) thermoplastic resin; and,
  - 2) laser-transmitting black colorant comprising a mixture of
- a) amine salt of anthraquinone dyes of formula [I] or formula [II] wherein Formula [I] is:

$$\begin{bmatrix}
R^7 & R^8 & O & R^1 \\
R^7 & R^2 & R^3
\end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix}
R^7 & R^8 & O & R^1 \\
R^6 & R^3 & R^3
\end{bmatrix}$$

wherein R<sup>1</sup> to R<sup>8</sup>, which may be the same or different, are independently selected from the group consisting of H, alkyl, aryl, alkenyl, alkoxy, amino, hydroxy, halogen atom, acyl, acyloxy, acylamide, acyl-N-alkylamide, carboxyl, alkoxycarbonyl, cyclohexylamide, sulfonyl, formula [I-a], or -Y-W, and at least one of R<sup>1</sup> to R<sup>8</sup> is of formula [I-a]; wherein Y is S, O, or NH; and wherein W is selected from unsubstituted or substituted alkyl group, alkenyl group, and unsubstituted or substituted aryl group; wherein (Z)<sup>n+</sup> represents a cation derived from an organic amine compounds or a basic dye; wherein n is 1 or 2, m<sup>1</sup> is an integer from 1 to 4 and K<sup>1</sup> is the ratio of m<sup>1</sup> / n; and wherein formula [I-a] is:

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wherein X is O or NH, and  $R^9$  to  $R^{13}$ , which may be the same or different, are independently selected from the group consisting of H, alkyl, aryl, alkenyl, alkoxy, amino, N-alkylamide, N-arylamide, hydroxy, halogen atom, acyl, acyloxy, acylamide, acyl-N-alkylamide, carboxyl, alkoxycarbonyl, or sulfonyl; wherein at least one of  $R^1$  to  $R^8$  and  $R^9$  to  $R^{13}$  is sulfonyl group; wherein formula [II] is:

wherein R<sup>47</sup> to R<sup>52</sup>, which may be the same or different, are independently selected from the group consisting of H, alkyl, aryl, alkenyl, alkoxy, amino, N-alkylamide, N-arylamide, hydroxy, halogen atom, acyl, acyloxy, acylamide, acyl-N-alkylamide, carboxyl, alkoxycarbonyl, or sulfonyl; and at least one of R<sup>47</sup> to R<sup>52</sup> is of sulfonyl, and fomula J in formula [II] is selected from formula [II-a] or formula [II-b] and binds two anthraquinone formula [II-a]:

45 formula [II-b]:

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wherein  $R^{53}$  to  $R^{54}$ , which may be the same or different, are independently selected from the group consisting of alkyl(having 1 to 8 carbon atoms) or hydrogen, and wherein  $(F)^{h+}$  represents ammonium ion or a cation derived from an organic amino compounds or a basic dye wherein h is 1 or 2,  $m^4$  is an integer from 1 to 4 and  $K^4$  is the ratio of  $m^4$ /h, and

b) monoazo complex dye represented by the formula [III] formula [III]:

wherein R<sup>39</sup>, R<sup>41</sup>, which may be the same or different, are Cl, SO<sub>2</sub>(-R<sup>44</sup>)(-R<sup>45</sup>), or SO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>43</sup>; R<sup>44</sup> and R<sup>45</sup>, which may be the same or different, are independently hydrogen atom, liner or branched C1-C4 alkyl, R<sup>43</sup> is linear or branched C1-C4 alkyl; R<sup>40</sup> and R<sup>42</sup>, which may be the same or different, are hydrogen, liner or branched C1-C18 alkyl group, liner or branched C2-C18 alkenyl group, sulfonamide group, carboxyl group, mesyl group, hydroxyl group, C1-C18 alkoxy group, acethylamino group,

benzoylamino group, halogen atom or -CONH-R<sup>46</sup>; R<sup>46</sup> is functional group selected from unsubstituted or substituted liner or branched C1-C18 alkyl or unsubstituted or substituted C6-C18 aryl group; L<sub>1</sub> and L<sub>2</sub> are independently O or COO; (E)<sup>+</sup> are H<sup>+</sup>, cation of alkali metal, ammonium ion, cations of organic amine including aliphatic primary, secondary and tertiary amines, quaternary ammonium ion; K<sup>3</sup> is an integer; m<sup>3</sup>

is 0, 1 or 2; and M<sup>1</sup> is a metal having ionic valency from 2 to 4.

- 3. The composition of Claim 1 wherein the laser-transmitting black colorant comprises amine salts of anthraquinone dye of formula [I] wherein at least one of  $R^9$ ,  $R^{10}$ ,  $R^{11}$ ,  $R^{12}$  and  $R^{13}$  of formula [I-a] is sulfonyl group.
- 4. The composition of Claim 1 wherein the amount of the amine salts of anthraquinone dyes of formula [I] or formula [II] compared to the amount of monoazo complex dyes of the formula [III] is in a ratio of from 5:1 to 1:1.
- 5. The composition of Claim 1 wherein the thermoplastic resin is polyamide or polyester.
  - 6. The composition of Claim 1 further comprising reinforcing agent.
- 7. A transparent article for laser beam welding formed from the composition of Claim 1.
  - 8. An article formed by laser welding an opaque article for laser beam with the transparent article of Claim 6 using said laser beam.
- 9. A black colorant suitable for being mixed with a thermoplastic resin used in laser welding applications applied to a laser welding comprising a mixture of
  - a) amine salts of anthraquinone dyes of formula [I] or formula [II] wherein Formula [I] is:

$$\begin{bmatrix} R^{7} & R^{8} & O & R^{1} \\ R^{7} & R^{2} & R^{2} \\ R^{6} & R^{5} & O & R^{4} \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{m^{1}} K^{1}(Z)^{n+}$$

wherein  $R^1$  to  $R^8$ , which may be the same or different, are independently selected from the group consisting of H, alkyl, aryl, alkenyl, alkoxy, amino, hydroxy, halogen atom, acyl, acyloxy, acylamide, acyl-N-alkylamide, carboxyl, alkoxycarbonyl,

cyclohexylamide, sulfonyl, formula [I-a], or -Y-W, and at least one of  $R^1$  to  $R^8$  is of formula [I-a]; wherein Y is S, O, or NH; and wherein W is selected from unsubstituted or substituted alkyl group, alkenyl group, and unsubstituted or substituted aryl group; wherein  $(Z)^{n+}$  represents a cation derived from an organic amine compounds or a basic

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dye; wherein n is 1 or 2,  $m^1$  is an integer from 1 to 4 and  $K^1$  is the ratio of  $m^1/n$ ; and wherein formula [I-a] is:

$$R^{9}$$
 $R^{10}$ 
 $R^{11}$ 
 $R^{12}$ 

wherein X is O or NH, and R<sup>9</sup> to R<sup>13</sup>, which may be the same or different, are independently selected from the group consisting of H, alkyl, aryl, alkenyl, alkoxy, amino, N-alkylamide, N-arylamide, hydroxy, halogen atom, acyl, acyloxy, acylamide, acyl-N-alkylamide, carboxyl, alkoxycarbonyl, or sulfonyl; wherein at least one of R<sup>1</sup> to R<sup>8</sup> and R<sup>9</sup> to R<sup>13</sup> is sulfonyl group; wherein formula [II] is:

wherein R<sup>47</sup> to R<sup>52</sup>, which may be the same or different, are independently selected from the group consisting of H, alkyl, aryl, alkenyl, alkoxy, amino, N-alkylamide, N-arylamide, hydroxy, halogen atom, acyl, acyloxy, acylamide, acyl-N-alkylamide, carboxyl, alkoxycarbonyl, or sulfonyl; and at least one of R<sup>47</sup> to R<sup>52</sup> is of sulfonyl, and fomula J in formula [II] is selected from formula [II-a] or formula [II-b] and binds two anthraquinone; formula [II-a]:

or

formula [II-b]:

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wherein  $R^{53}$  to  $R^{54}$ , which may be the same or different, are independently selected from the group consisting of alkyl(having 1 to 8 carbon atoms) or hydrogen, and wherein  $(F)^{h+}$  represents ammonium ion or a cation derived from an organic amino compounds or a basic dye wherein h is 1 or 2,  $m^4$  is an integer from 1 to 4 and  $K^4$  is the ratio of  $m^4$ /h, and

b) monoazo complex dye represented by the formula [III] formula [III]:

$$R^{42}$$
 $N=N$ 
 $N=N$ 
 $R^{41}$ 
 $R^{41}$ 
 $R^{3}$ 
 $R^{39}$ 
 $R^{40}$ 

wherein R<sup>39</sup>, R<sup>41</sup>, which may be the same or different, are Cl, SO<sub>2</sub>(-R<sup>44</sup>)(-R<sup>45</sup>), or SO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>43</sup>; R<sup>44</sup> and R<sup>45</sup>, which may be the same or different, are independently hydrogen atom, liner or branched C1-C4 alkyl, R<sup>43</sup> is linear or branched C1-C4 alkyl; R<sup>40</sup> and R<sup>42</sup>, which may be the same or different, are hydrogen, liner or branched C1-C18 alkyl group, liner or branched C2-C18 alkenyl group, sulfonamide group, carboxyl group, mesyl group, hydroxyl group, C1-C18 alkoxy group, acethylamino group,

benzoylamino group, halogen atom or -CONH-R<sup>46</sup>; R<sup>46</sup> is functional group selected from unsubstituted or substituted liner or branched C1-C18 alkyl or unsubstituted or substituted C6-C18 aryl group; L<sub>1</sub> and L<sub>2</sub> are independently O or COO; (E)<sup>+</sup> are H<sup>+</sup>, cation of alkali metal, ammonium ion, cations of organic amine including aliphatic primary, secondary and tertiary amines, quaternary ammonium ion; K<sup>3</sup> is an integer; m<sup>3</sup>

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is 0, 1 or 2; and M<sup>1</sup> is a metal having ionic valency from 2 to 4.

- 10. The composition of Claim 8 where in the laser-transmitting black colorant
   comprises amine salts of anthraquinone dye of formula [I] where as at least one of R<sup>9</sup>,
   R<sup>10</sup>, R<sup>11</sup>, R<sup>12</sup> and R<sup>13</sup> of formula [I-a] is sulfonyl group.
  - 11. The composition of Claim 8 where in the ratio of amount of the amine salts of anthraquinone dyes of formula [I] or formula [II] to that of monoazo complex dyes of the formula [III] is from 5:1 to 1:1.